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Dear Administrator Nason,

I am writing today to urge you to reject congestion pricing in New York City until the MTA can provide a plan that details how this proposal would be implemented, as well as, where the revenue created would go. At the present moment, the MTA has yet to even appoint the required panel that would determine these details. It would not serve the public to approve a plan by a state-controlled agency known for its history of mismanagement without even understanding how their future plans would benefit or adversely affect the people of New York City.

As a state legislator, I voted against this congestion pricing plan back in April because of the lack of detail that was provided at the time. In my opinion, it was foolish for the governor and my colleagues in the state legislature to give all their authority away to an entity that is so highly untrusted by New York residents. Almost a year later, we still have very few specifics as to how this plan is to be constructed and implemented. Furthermore, my constituents on Staten Island already pay a toll to connect to the rest of the city. Implementing this plan would just exasperate their current situation by tolling them twice. This is why I have repeatedly requested that Staten Islanders receive a credit for the congestion pricing fee for the toll they already pay to travel across the Verrazzano Bridge. Similar credits have been discussed for other crossings throughout New York City, including the Queens Midtown Tunnel, the Hugh Carey Tunnel, the Lincoln Tunnel, and the Henry Hudson Bridge. It is only fair that a credit be afforded to Staten Island residents, as no resident of New York City should have to pay twice to travel within the city.

As your agency moves closer to a decision, I ask that you hold the MTA to the highest standard possible and reject this plan until they are able to provide concrete and satisfactory details as to how they intend to proceed. I also urge you to reject this proposal unless the Verrazzano Bridge is given the same toll credit status that many other crossings across the city are expected to receive. The people of Staten Island and New York City are counting on you to make sense of this puzzling plan missing many pieces.

Sincerely,

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